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COMMENT SOUGHT ON SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. INMATE CALLING SERVICES PETITIONS

WC Docket No. 12-375

Comment Date: March 11, 2014
Reply Comment Date: March 17, 2014

We seek comment on Securus Technologies, Inc.'s (Securus) Petition to Expand Pay Tel Waiver and its Petition for Leave to Add Fee for Voice Biometrics Technology.[1] In its first petition, pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules and the waiver provisions of the *Inmate Calling Report and Order and FNPRM*,[2] Securus "requests that the relief granted to Pay Tel be granted to all providers of Inmate Calling Services ('ICS') operating in city and/or county jails located in the 13 states that Pay Tel serves."[3] In its second petition, pursuant to the same authorities, Securus seeks "leave to add a per-minute fee of $0.02 to its interstate calls in order to cover the cost of providing voice biometric technology required for secure inmate calling."[4]

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above.[5] Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/.

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[1] Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375, Securus Technologies, Inc. Petition to Expand Pay Tel Waiver (filed Feb. 19, 2014) (Securus Waiver Expansion Petition); Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375, Securus Technologies, Inc. Petition for Leave to Add Fee for Voice Biometrics Technology (filed Feb. 19, 2014) (Securus Voice Biometrics Petition).

[2] 47 C.F.R. § 1.3; *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 28 FCC Rcd 14107, 14153-4, paras. 82-84 (2013) (*Inmate Calling Report and Order and FNPRM*).

[3] Securus Waiver Expansion Petition at 1.

[4] Securus Voice Biometrics Petition at 1.

[5] We remind interested parties that on December 19, 2013, the Commission adopted a Protective Order in this docket. *See Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Protective Order, DA 13-2434 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Dec. 19, 2013).

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[6] 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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